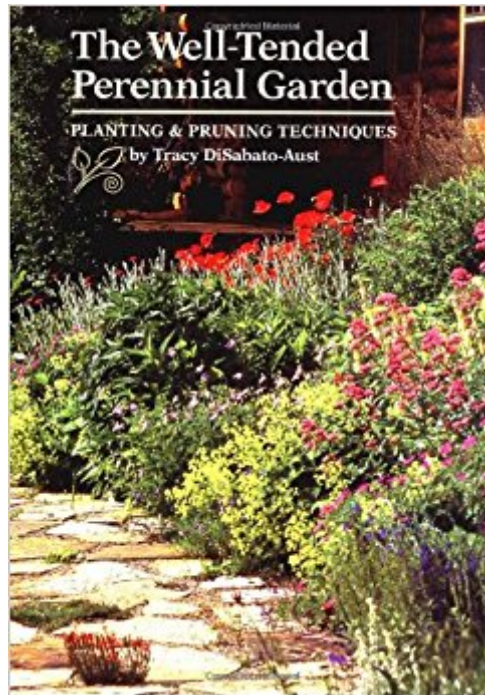




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# The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting & Pruning Techniques



## Synopsis

Timber Press's all-time bestseller! Tracy DiSabato-Aust has devoted years of study to creating showplace gardens with minimal maintenance. Her methods of pruning and shaping perennials, thoroughly explained and illustrated here, produce more flowers, encourage lush new growth, discourage pests, stagger bloom times, and maintain vigorous health. Readers have given us rave reviews of this book since publication.

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To pinch or not to pinch is not the only question addressed here. Horticulturist DiSabato-Aust affirms that pinching is essential for plant robustness and an extended blooming season. In addition to explaining how and where to pinch a plant, she details correct techniques for deadheading, effectively removing the mystery from perennial pruning by referring to it "as grooming, shaping, shearing or snipping." Recognizing the diverse styles of gardens and gardeners, she demonstrates how different approaches to pruning can produce varied growth and blooming patterns. Also offered is information on site selection, soil preparation, planting and disease and pest control. Most impressive is the extensive encyclopedia of perennials which, drawing principally on her own field experience, focuses on pruning and maintenance practices. Practical appendices include a month-by-month calendar of pruning and maintenance tasks and a list of perennials arranged in 35 categories related to their specific pruning and maintenance requirements. Beth Ann Daye's line drawings and the author's color photos enhance the clarity of the text and make this book invaluable for both home gardeners and professionals. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Get two copies, one for reference and one for circulation. The last two-thirds is an A-Z Encyclopedia of Perennials with exceptional details on the pruning and maintenance of perennials. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I skimmed through it , it seems to have good basic info but mostly on plants, I was looking for info on shrubs and trees, as I have a lot of them in my new house. You need to know plants and shrubs names in order to find info , being novice gardener I don't know many of the plants in my yard so before I can read about them in this book, I have to identify them using other resources.

Full of practical tips for maintaining and improving a perennial garden. Book in brand new condition

This will be my reference book as I begin to select and grow perenials in my garden. Practical information like selection of plants, pruning tips, disease prevention and cure, landscaping with perenials are all clearly illuminated here. Lots of photos of yards prettier than mine.If you, like me, thought "deadheading" referred to some of our wilder friends from the sixties and seventies, you will be surprised.I am sure there will be plenty of black smudge marks from my fingers poring over this reference book.As a grower of roses, though, there is not much in this particular book. If that is your interest, don't rely on this book to answer your particular questions.

Best gardening book I own. Gave two as gifts.

Very helpful when it comes to care of perennials in my area.

One of the best books I have seen on taking care of perennials: planting, deadheading, pruning, etc.

Gardeners will love.

T. DiSab-Aust is such a gardener's gardener and great for me cause I live just south of where her garden is - I can follow all reccommendations

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